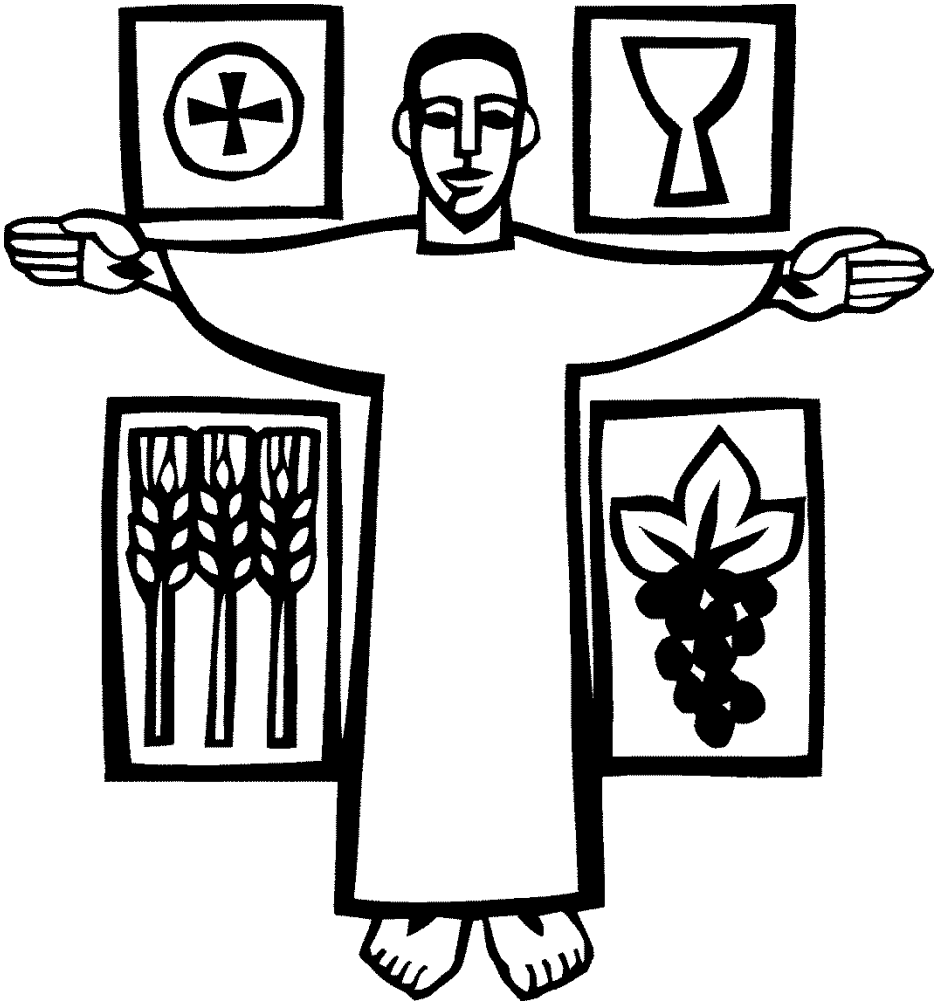


13th Sunday after Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 19, 2018

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know



- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.
- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 8:30 & 10 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"Praise and Thanksgiving," Jeffrey Blersch

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)

Stand

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ Jesus in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's promise of mercy and forgiveness. Let us therefore turn to God in trust and hope as we make confession of our sins.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Let us pray. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence.

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again,

And sustain me with your bountiful spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

Have mercy and hear us. We humbly confess that we keep sinning against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us; by the power of the Holy Spirit, rescue and restore us: that we may come before you in peace, find joy in your goodness, and serve you all our days in faith, hope and love, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God proves his love for us in this, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all

your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word,” #520

Holy Baptism (10:00 only)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

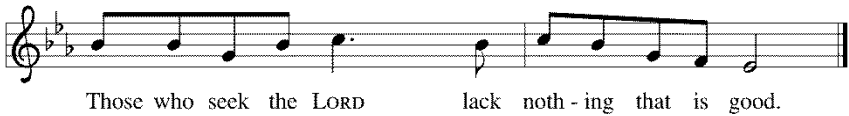
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

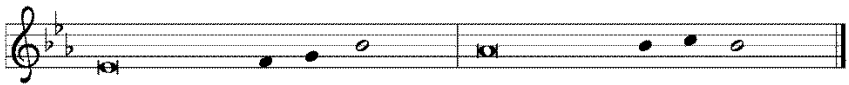
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings refrain; all sing refrain



Cantor sings verses; congregation sing verses in bold



- 9Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- 10**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. Refrain
- 11Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
- 12**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life**
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
- 13Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
- 14**Turn from evil | and do good;**
seek peace | and pursue it. Refrain

From a New Testament letter

Ephesians 5:15-20

15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation sings refrain

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Cantor sings verse:

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Congregation repeats refrain

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

"Praise and Thanksgiving," #689

Confessing our Faith (8:30 only)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Recognition and Blessing of Messiah School Staff (10:00 only)

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .

. . . **hear our prayer.**

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Gifts

"I Am the Bread of Life," Jeffrey Honore

Stand

The Gifts are Presented

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service,”

#712 stanzas 1, 2

Let us pray. Spirit of Life

You bring us from doubt to faith, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to your service, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for the saving love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

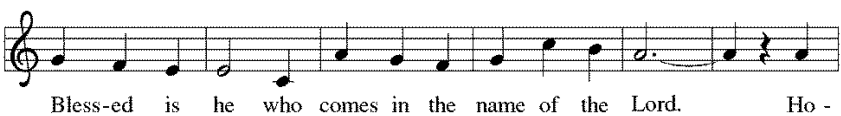
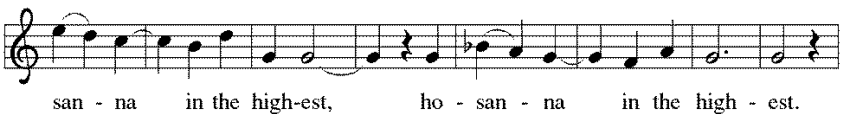
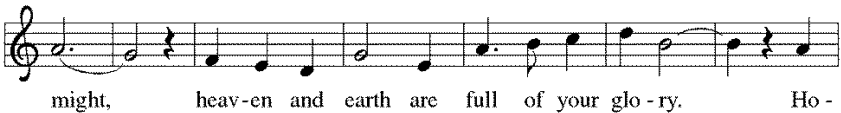
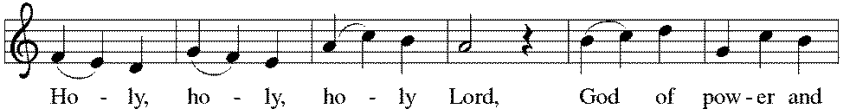
Lift up your hearts.

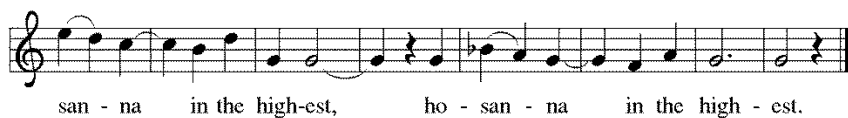
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit. To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion Songs



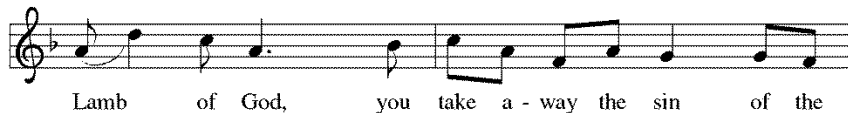
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“I Am the Bread of Life”

#485 verses sung by cantor,
refrain sung by all

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

#469

Stand

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

A Song

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#853, stanzas 1, 4, 5

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,” Anna Page

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Peggy Schauer (10:00)

Lectors – Kathy Neumann (8:30); Don Braun (10:00)

Communion Assistants – Eric Anderson, Carl Herhuth, Kathy Neumann (8:30);
Nancy Mickan, Bob Zalac (10:00)

Acolytes – Kevin McLeeson, Bryce Neumann (8:30);
Adam Digney, Eleanor Schauer (10:00)

Cantor –Dale Mortensen (10:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Ray Durban, Steve Turnbull (8:30);
Mark Schauer, Bob Trapp (10:00)

Greeters—Frank & Ellen Petak (8:30);
Marian Carpenter, Marilyn Sheerer (10:00)

Ushers – Ed Kus (8:30);
Lily Bacon, Dominic Bloor, Jim Breckel (10:00)

Trustee – David Fretthold

Altar Guild – Laura Gaydos, Diane Paton

Nursery – Kaylie Duncan, Jodi Norris (10:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ The Church's commitment to the mission of Christ
- ✦ People suffering enormous loss from fire in California and earthquake in Indonesia
- ✦ Teachers and administrations in the many schools of Northeast Ohio
- ✦ The ill: David Campogni, Dorothy Juergens, Marlyne O'Malley, Nancy Mickan, John Rowland
- ✦ Kendall Lewis and all others beginning a new life as baptized children of God

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 20—BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX, d. 1183, founder of a famous monastery in the French Alps and perhaps the greatest spiritual writer of the Middle Ages.

Aug. 24—ST. BARTHOLOMEW, the apostle known in John's Gospel as Nathanael. He is said to have been skinned alive, and is often depicted in early Christian art holding a flaying knife.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-19, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69
We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN SCHOOL FACULTY, 2018/19

Helen Casselberry, *Principal*

Mary-Ann Coreno, *School Secretary*

Julie Moomaw, *Auxiliary Services*

Janice Snyder, *Admissions Counselor*

Kimberly Hilden, *Preschool Teacher*

Megan Jackson, *Kindergarten Teacher*

Allyson Bolyard, *First Grade Teacher*

Kayla Szabo, *Second Grade Teacher*

Sean Donnelly, *Third Grade Teacher*

Heidi Kanz, *Fourth Grade Teacher*

Lisa Hill, *Fifth Grade Teacher*

Janice Silcox, *Middle School Science/Math/6th Homeroom*

Pete Row, *Middle School Social Studies*

Rachel Roeder, *Middle School Language Arts/8th Grade Homeroom*

Lisa Reshad, *Middle School Faith Formation*

Nancy Shucofsky, *Math/Computer Teacher*

Sarah Jackson, *Lower Grades Computer*

Kate Ilg, *Choir Director*

Amy Roman, *Art Teacher*

Diane Hernyk, *Librarian*

Linda Mincher, *Tutor*

Cheryl Raimann, *After Care Supervisor*

Ashley Welsh, *Before Care Supervisor*

Nancy Zurowski, *Food Service Manager*

Kim Patton, *Preschool Aide/Recess*

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Servants and Missionaries – All MLC members

Senior Pastor– Jerome Burce

Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.

To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.